

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA : 20cr07 (DLC)
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-v- :
ERICKSON HERNANDEZ ALMONTE, :
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Defendant. :
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DENISE COTE, District Judge:

The defendant is scheduled to enter a plea of guilty on December 10, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. in a videoconference proceeding. Due to the recent spike in COVID-19 cases and the resultant increase in demand for videoconference proceedings, a videoconference proceeding may not be available to the defendant on December 10. A telephone conference plea proceeding may be available to the defendant, however. Accordingly, it is hereby ORDERED that defense counsel shall respond to the following question by **Wednesday, December 2:**

If a videoconference plea proceeding is unavailable, does the defendant consent to plead guilty at a telephone conference proceeding?

If the defendant consents to plead guilty at a telephone conference proceeding, either as a matter of preference or because a videoconference proceeding is unavailable, please

complete and submit the written consent form attached to this Order if it is feasible to do so.

Dated: New York, New York
November 30, 2020



DENISE COTE
United States District Judge